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CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET URANIUM MINING AGREEMENT
ON TERRITORIAL DELIMITATIONS OF THE JACHYMOV MINES

Article 1

1. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic extends the mining rights of the Jachymov Mines to the entire territory of the republic.
2. Such extension includes any areas whatsoever which, from present indications, may be important to the defense of the Czechoslovak Republic.

Article 2

1. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic pledges that, immediately upon receiving information of new uranium deposits, it will notify Engineer Volokhov, of the Czechoslovak-Soviet Trade Mission, and that the areas containing such deposits will pass under the control of the Soviet representatives.
2. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic will in no manner whatsoever impede the work of the Soviet representatives who, immediately after obtaining notification of areas containing new uranium deposits, will take these over, so that they may be under the jurisdiction of the Soviet Union.
3. The Government of the Soviet Union pledges that the necessary Czechoslovak civil governmental bodies will also be represented in these areas. (Further details concerning such representation are included in the appendix to this agreement.)

Article 3

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic agrees to provide the necessary police units, which may be used for the protection of the various areas in question.

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1. According to Article 3 of this agreement, the jurisdiction over police or military units will pass from Czechoslovak commanding officers to representatives of the Soviet Union.

2. Soviet governmental officials are subject to the authority of the commanding officer of the Czechoslovak police units or the regional commander of military units. However, in matters vital to the mining operations, the Soviet military or police attache shall constitute the final authority.

Article 4

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic pledges that it will issue orders to the proper agencies for the purpose of assuring the continuous operation of the mines. More specifically, it will take measures to supply the labor force necessary for the exploitation of the areas in question.

1. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic agrees to provide lodging for persons punished by imprisonment and those in preventive custody.

Such housing and security measures will be undertaken at the expense of the Czechoslovak Republic.

2. The food supplies for the areas in question will, according to the present agreement, be provided by the regular Czechoslovak food-distributing agencies. This applies not only to the food required for civil employees, but also for military units and individuals under police custody.

Compensation for such food will be provided in conformance with the Czechoslovak-Soviet Trade Agreement.

Article 5

1. The previous agreement, Article 4, Paragraph b, Item 2, [not available], deals not only with the electric power stations in Ervenice and Loket, but also with similar power supply sources throughout Czechoslovakia.

2. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic will receive compensation for the power supplied in accordance with the terms of the Czechoslovak-Soviet Trade Agreement.

Article 6.

1. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic promises to place at the disposition of the Soviet representatives any rolling stock which they may request, the Soviet representatives not being required to state the reasons for the request. The control and administration of such rolling stock is left with the Czechoslovak government.

2. The Government of the Soviet Union reserves for itself the right to keep secret, even from the governmental agencies of the Czechoslovak Republic, the mining production figures in the areas in question. Consequently, as regards the areas affected by the present document, all former agreements concerning joint consultation and action in matters essential to the welfare and defense of the state, are to be considered null and void.

3. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic obliges itself to supply, through the medium of the CNDP (Československý Úřad Ochrany Práce, Czechoslovak Labor Protection Office), the necessary technical personnel. In case of need, the USSR reserves the right to utilize the services of such personnel in the Soviet Union.

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Article 7.

1. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic, through financial investments in effect on the basis of the Trade Agreement, will assure the continuity of the mining operations. Article 7 of the present agreement corresponds to Article 11 of the previously existing agreement concerning the exploitation of the Jachymov Mines.

2. According to the terms of the Trade Agreement and Article 11 of the previously existing agreement relating to the exploitation of the Jachymov Mines, priority is to be given transport for these mines. Article 11 of the previously existing agreement contains specifications and details concerning transport and the agencies responsible therefor.

Article 8

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic reserves the right to participate in governmental functions, through its main representative for the Jachymov Mines, in the areas in question, and in accordance with Article 2, Paragraph 2, of the present agreement.

Article 9

1. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic is willing to effect frontier changes in the present Jachymov Mine area, in the Potucký, Sejfy, Boží Dar, and Vejprty zones, to facilitate mining operations for the Soviet occupation authorities in the Soviet Zone Germany.

a. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic will be compensated for any areas or tracts of land ceded.

b. The land given by way of compensation shall be of the same dimensions as that ceded. Similarly, compensation will be made for real estate and chattels.

2. The land ceded must not penetrate farther than 4.5 kilometers into the present-day territory of the Czechoslovak Republic.

a. Further agreements and details are relegated to the Mixed Demarcation Commission, which will base its proceedings on Article 9, Paragraph 1, of this agreement as well as the recommendations of the proper representatives of the Czechoslovak Republic and the Soviet Union.

3. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic is willing to grant mining rights in its territory even after boundary changes have been made, as long as the exploitation is effected by the Soviet occupation authorities of the Soviet Zone Germany.

a. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic shall be able, through its ranking governmental representation for the Jachymov Mines, to take measures for reasons of defense and security. This does not affect the jurisdiction of the different commanders of security units in the areas in question. The responsibility for the security of the areas remains with the security commander, and the Czechoslovak government may not employ any of its branches or agencies to interfere with or take over these police-security obligations.

Article 10:

1. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic, through its representative from the Mining Supervisory Office, will retain control and supervision over the technical aspects of mining operations. The representative in question becomes an ipso facto official of an area under exploitation. Nevertheless, Article 6, Paragraph 3, of this agreement does not apply to him.

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2. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic reserves the right to punish all employees engaged in these areas, including Soviet citizens, and as long as violation of mining regulations is involved. Article 10, Paragraph 1, of this agreement constitutes the authority for this stipulation.

a. By virtue of the wording of Article 10, all agreements previously made concerning the exploitation of uranium in Czechoslovak territory, with the cooperation of Soviet citizens, are modified.

Article 11

Exceptions to this agreement and its terms can be made by the Mixed Supervisory and Control Commission, consisting of representatives of the Czechoslovak government, the Soviet government, and the Mining Supervisory Office.

Article 12

This agreement goes into effect upon approval of the Czechoslovak government, and upon the affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the Soviet Union. It is to remain in force for a period of 15 years, i. e., from 10 May 1950 to 9 May 1965.

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